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Representative Paula Pierson



Biographical Information

Paula Hightower Pierson was elected in November 2006 to serve as the State Representative for House District 93. The Tarrant County district includes east and north Arlington and portions of Grand Prairie and Mansfield.

Paula Hightower Pierson is a positive, common sense leader who has made her mark by bringing jobs and social services to the hard working families of her district.

A North Texas native, Paula has a proven record of success and accomplishment as a civic leader, elected official, businesswoman, mother and grandmother.

Paula's dedication to children and children's issues has been at the core of her commitment to public service. Noting a lack of local resources for victims of child abuse, Paula helped found the Alliance for Children to address this urgent need. Since then, Arlington's Alliance for Children has been a safe haven of kindness, counseling and care for over 20,000 child abuse victims.

In 1989, Paula was elected to the Arlington City Council where she served with distinction for four consecutive terms. While on the Council, Paula took the lead on a number of important issues. Among other things, she chaired the Education, Crime Issues and Economic Development Committees and played a key role on other committees and boards including Transportation, Housing, Downtown Revitalization and the Arlington Sports Authority.

During her 8 years of service on the City Council and 3 years on Planning and Zoning Commission, Paula earned the respect of her fellow elected officials and constituents. Her efforts and leadership skills were instrumental in such endeavors as saving thousands of jobs at the Arlington GM plant, inducing National Semi-Conductor to significantly expand a major facility in North Texas, and building the Ballpark in Arlington.

Paula has received recognition as a Life Member of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and as a Presidential appointee to the National Advisory Council of the United States Small Business Administration. Prior to creating her own company, Paula was a successful Realtor and served as Vice President of Business Development for the Henry S. Miller Company.

In 2000, Paula founded Expedited Recovery, Inc. to provide services to healthcare providers and their patients. She presently serves as CEO of this dynamic, rapidly-growing corporation. As a successful businesswoman, Paula has an acute appreciation of the fact that access to quality healthcare is vital for families and businesses.

Today, Paula lives in Arlington with her husband, attorney Grey Pierson, and is the proud mother of two grown children, Chris Hightower and Lorie Quirk, and the very proud grandmother of Kendall Quirk, age 11, and Shaun Quirk, age 7. Paula and Grey attend the First Christian Church in Arlington.

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